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# DNREC

## STATE OF DELAWARE

To Whom It May Concern:

As a waterfront property owner, with a dock on Burton Prong, I have been boating on the Rehoboth Bay for over 10 years. It is well known that much of the back bay is shallow. I have seen the site that is in question, and I write this letter in a recommendation to allow equal access to the water for the Eisenmanns.

In my opinion, Herring Creek, on even a normal low tide, is particularly shallow and I have tried to access the Eisenmann pier on several occasions and even at a high tide it is just too shallow to get to the existing pier. Even with our 19-inch draft, we can get close, however the last 20-30ft is just too shallow to risk getting stuck. It is so shallow there, that when we take our son and friends tubing and wakeboarding on Herring Creek, we don't go near the cove the Eisenmann's live on, nor have we ever seen anyone participating in any water activities where the proposed area for the extension is. I don't believe there is any community access to the wetlands on one side of the proposed extension.

In my opinion, I don't see any issue with the proposed extension. In comparison to neighboring piers and docks, this seems like a very small extension with an obvious need to have any type of watercraft. Below is an example of similar congested areas where residents have equal access to the water.

Example from Hopkins Prong



I believe that access to the water is not to be granted or taken away by an HOA or neighbors but should be equal for any waterfront homeowner regardless of the challenges. I believe the Eisenmanns have offered several meaningful resolutions and a solution should be found.

Jason Falcone - Burton Prong Waterfront Homeowner